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President Falconer
Toronto University

Dear Sir

As we have received no further word from you regarding our son R. W. Langhorst, who enlisted from your University at age of 18 yrs. without consent of parents, and who is now in training as Sapper R. W. Langhorst in Shoreham-by-Sea.

That whereas all admit this will be a long war, we wish to have our son return and take his 2nd in special Medical course, and then return to England in a Medical corps, as that the experience gained in hospital work, will be of benefit to him in his chosen profession, if he should be spared.

Failing this, we conclude the next best course would be to have him transferred

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to the Medical corp. either Canadian or British in England.
I regret being compelled to trouble you regarding this matter, but we are ignorant how to proceed. As I stated before we have friends with political influence if we knew to whom to make the appeal.

It may be that the only rules the universe desires the sacrifice of our only son on the altar of war, and if so we are willing though it will leave no broken hearted. At the same time we consider it our duty to safe guard our son in every way possible, until he reaches maturer manhood, and also guide his efforts into channels which will fit him for future life, in case he is spared. Hoping and trusting you will aid us in our endeavors I remain

Yours Truly

George E. Urquhart

June 12th, 1918

Mrs. Angus Urquhart,

Moleseley, Sask.

Dear Mrs. Urquhart:

I am sorry that the regulations are such that we are powerless in the matter of securing the return of your son. He is an undergraduate in Arts looking forward to medicine and the regulations we are working under now amply cover such a case as his. In fact the regulations have been so changed that we do not know exactly what position we shall find ourselves in. The exemptions that were given early in the winter for medical students have been withdrawn and whether men are to be recalled for next session I cannot say. I feel confident, however, that they would not recall any student who has not at least entered his second year in medicine proper. As far as I am aware your only possible way to secure your son's recall would be by applying directly to the Minister. From former correspondence I am convinced that I have no power in the matter at all.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.